

Pekin Park Sports Complex Information 300 Koch Street

This new 80 acre sports park is bordered by Koch and Fifth streets on the south side of Pekin. This complex has been constructed by the Pekin Park District to provide facilities for local youth organizations to conduct youth programs for children between the ages of two and eighteen. The sports park includes; (8) lighted baseball/softball diamonds and (4) mini diamonds, a (10) acre soccer area for accommodation of multiple age appropriate fields, (4) regulation football fields and (2) restroom/concession buildings. All athletic fields are fully irrigated from a well located on the site. The Sports Park also includes; a 1.6 mile walking path, two children's playgrounds, and parking for (500) vehicles.

Scheduling: It is necessary to stagger the starting times of games and practices. For most efficient operations, please schedule more than one field area at one time and back-to-back practices. Additional games will be added, if due to inclement weather. Cancellation of a field for practice or game is necessary **at least 48 hours** in advance of the scheduled time. If we prepare the field and is not used, (other than due to inclement weather), you will be charged the direct costs of the preparation.

Insurance: The park requires a certificate of liability insurance listing "Pekin Park District as an additional insured" in the amount of \$1,000,000. A hard copy of the certificate must be received and approved by the park at least two weeks prior to your first scheduled date. Contact Carrie Smith, 347-7275, csmith@pekinparkdistrict.org for scheduling.

Concessions: The proceeds from the concession stand sales help pay for the operation of the complex. A variety of popular snacks, sandwiches and drinks are available. A water spigot for filling player's water bottles and team coolers is located on the outside of the building. Please encourage parents to purchase at the concession stand rather than bringing in food and drinks. Your patronage is necessary and appreciated.

Rainout Line 309-226-4060 will keep your players up to date in case of adverse weather conditions. A banner is posted at www.pekinparkdistrict.org which connects you directly to the dashboard. The Rainout Line offers a free smartphone app. You can also subscribe to email and text alerts. Extension numbers: Ball diamonds #1-#12 are the same as diamond numbers, Soccer fields are extension #13, Football Fields are extension #14.

In case of Inclement Weather Once the diamond has been prepared; it's up to the organization to cancel due to inclement weather. Contact Carrie Smith (241-3295) if you cancel a scheduled game or practice, so all Sports Park staff can be made aware and the Rainout Line updated. If rain, lightning, or if field conditions become dangerous, umpires/officials, organization administrator and Coaches are responsible for stopping activity on the fields. If activity on the field is stopped due to lightning, you must wait 30 minutes after the last sighting before resuming.

Discipline of your participants/parents/coaches is to be enforced by your organization's administrator. In the event a participant/parent/spectator is non-compliant and Park District police help is needed, call 346-3132 (Police Dispatch) and ask for the **Park Police** to come the Sports Complex and give your location.

Smoking/Tobacco Use at the Pekin Park Sports Complex is **prohibited** except outside of the walking path around the perimeter of the complex. All other areas of the Park are Tobacco-Free zones.

Clean up is expected. Please ask your players and parents to pick up all litter after every use.

Ball Diamond Lights are available for practices and games. You are welcome to use the lights for practices and games. They will be turned on at dusk and off after your use, based on your confirmed schedule.

Soccer, Football and Ball Diamond Scoreboards may be used for scrimmages and games. A hand held remote is used to operate the boards, and is available from the maintenance attendant on duty. The assigned person from your organization will leave their keys when checking out the remote. Contact Tom Elliott, 241-0713 for training.

Pitching rubbers will be placed by park maintenance for games. You may put out a pitching rubber for practice.

Batting Cages are located adjacent to ball diamond 7 in the west quad for baseball and softball use, on a first come/first serve basis. You may bring in your own pitching machine and balls. Keys will be assigned to you.